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Title: "METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DETERMINING THE SOURCES OF
FLUIDS OR PARTICULATES FROM
SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"

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2001. However, neither U.S. Patent No. 6,659,175 issued to Malone, *et al.* filed on May 23, 2002, nor Provisional Application No. 60/293,071 filed on May 23, 2001, disclose the use of polyvinylchloride, or any other nondegradable polymer in the tracer matrix. Therefore, the claimed invention of the use of polyvinylchloride in the tracer matrix, as described in U.S. Patent No. 7,032,662 issued to Malone, *et al.*, has an effective date of November 12, 2003.

3. The present invention was conceived and reduced to practice, in the United States, prior to November 12, 2003.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Further, I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

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